

Testing can be confusing

Where do I take this test?

The answer to the question, “Where do I take this test?” is getting increasingly complicated. As the major testing programs convert paper-based tests to computer-based testing, and as the national testing programs change their alliances with commercial testing companies, the testing process has become quite confusing. These charts should help identify the various alternatives for administering the increasing array of tests. As a reference tool,



the charts are divided into Academic Tests and Certification Exams (see Page 6), as there are substantial differences in terms of administration and funding policies.

The Academic Tests chart lists the tests funded by DANTES. Up-front funding is provided for CLEP, DSST, ECE, SAT, ACT, GRE Subject, and Praxis. GRE General and GMAT are reimbursed after testing.

If your Education Center would like to establish a Computer–National Test Center on base in order to administer CLEP eCBT and iBT DSST exams, contact the Exams Program at exams@voled.doded.mil or call DSN 922-1111 ext. 3123 or CML (850) 452-1111 ext. 3123 for MOU information. (More on Page 6.)



Academic Tests

Test Name	Test Administration Format and Location		
ACADEMIC TESTS	<i>Paper – Base Education Center</i>	<i>Computer – National Test Center (On-base institution)</i>	<i>Off Base – Commercial Site or Institution (College or University)</i>
CLEP	(14 titles only) F *	F	Institution F
DSST	F	(all titles except Principles of Public Speaking) F	Institution (all titles except Principles of Public Speaking) F
ECE	F		
SAT	F		
ACT	F		
GED	F		
GRE GENERAL			Commercial Site (Thomson Prometric) and Institution F
GRE SUBJECT	F		
GMAT			Commercial Site Pearson VUE) and Institution F
PRAXIS	F		

* F = DANTES Funded

Testing Calendar

May 2007

8, 10, 15 ASE (CONUS) **
8-10 ASE (Overseas) **

June 2007

1 Excelsior Extended
Response (Essay)
11 LSAT

August 2007

3 Excelsior Extended
Response (Essay)
4-8 Praxis *

September 2007

1 LSAT

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders six weeks before the test date. CONUS test centers send orders four weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

**Deadline for ordering ASE exams was 24 March.

Online calendar:

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/06-07cal.pdf

CLEP eCBT test fee increases

College Board has announced that effective 1 July 2007 the CLEP eCBT computer-based test fee at national test centers will increase from \$60 per test to \$65. This fee increase only applies to unfunded (self-pay) civilian examinees testing at on-campus or on-base national test centers.

New FAA locations added

DANTES welcomes three new FAA-CBT locations that offer the Airman Knowledge Mechanic Tests. The new locations are: Whiteman AFB in Missouri, Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota, and USCG, Cape Cod in Massachusetts. The current number of FAA-CBT base test centers is 23.

Test Control Officers (TCOs) interested in establishing an FAA testing center at their base education center may send an inquiry to certprog@voled.doded.mil.

TCOs may also contact the DANTES Certification Program office at DSN 922-1111 Ext. 3213 or CML (850) 452-1111 Ext. 3213.

NREMT update

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians' (NREMT) moved from paper and pencil to a computer-adaptive-testing (CAT) delivery platform in January.

The results of the change in test delivery of the EMT-Basic test show that nearly 3,132 military members were administered the test since January. The EMT-Basic test is only available in CAT at authorized DANTES-recognized test centers or national centers located on various bases.

DANTES encourages Test Control Officers (TCOs) interested in offering the EMT-Basic tests to military members to contact certprog@voled.doded.mil. TCOs can also call the DANTES Certification Program office at DSN 922-1111 Ext. 3213 or CML (850) 452-1111 Ext. 3213.

Top 10 college majors

According to the 2007 *Princeton Review*, the top 10 most popular college majors are:

Business Administration and Management
Psychology
Elementary Education
Biology
Nursing
Education
English
Communications
Computer Science
Political Science



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DANTES Regional Workshops scheduled in 2007

Regional workshops are designed to provide information and updates about the DANTES programs. They are targeted to Education Services Officers (ESOs), counselors, and others who represent the military voluntary education community, along with representatives from colleges and universities who provide degree programs to our Service members. The focus is to promote a better understanding and utilization of the voluntary education programs managed by DANTES.

Regional Workshops are scheduled for Southbridge, Mass., 7-9 August and Atlanta, Ga., 18-20 September 2007. The Southbridge Regional Workshop has limited space, and you need to register at our Web site to make sure you get into this workshop. There is no



**Regional Workshop
Southbridge Hotel and Conference
Center
Southbridge, Mass.
7-9 August**

lodging expense for federal employees, including both military and civilians, attending the 7-9 August workshop.

Visit the Web site at http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/training/regwkshps.htm for more



**Regional Workshop
Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel
Atlanta, Ga.
18-20 September**

information about the Regional Workshops, or e-mail training@voled.doded.mil.

Holland's Self-Directed Search - a counselor's tool

Do you believe in the KISS (Keep it Simple and Short) principle? Are you looking for a simple assessment instrument that does not require an on site education counselor to interpret the assessment and only takes a short 30 minutes to administer?

The Holland Self-Directed Search may be what you are looking for. It helps the client find the occupation that best suits his or her interests and abilities as identified through Holland's RIASEC (Realist, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising and Conventional) personality types.

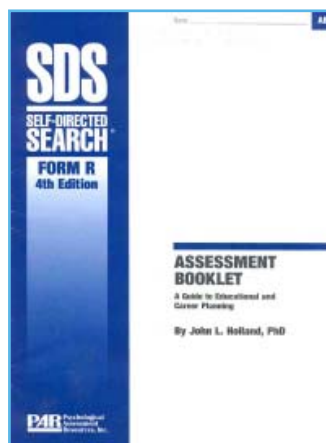
Once the client takes the assessment, his/her answers result in

a 3-letter code, such as ASC (Artistic, Social, Conventional.)

These codes are matched to occupations found in the Occupations Finder. These are occupations the client may wish to consider in the future and perhaps begin looking at either specific off-duty education and/or the necessary certification/licensure

requirements.

Both the Assessment Instrument (Stock #1152, 200 per year) and the Occupations Finder (Stock #1153, 200 per year) may be ordered from the DANTES Distribution Center by e-mailing dist@voled.doded.mil. Should you have questions on this assessment tool, e-mail counseling@voled.doded.mil.



National student award finds Marine a source for inspiration

The University Continuing Education Association (UCEA) has named Marine Sgt. Roger Miranda of Duquesne University its 2007 Outstanding Continuing Education Student. Each of the approximately 425 UCEA member institutions can nominate a student for this award.

The UCEA award is designed to honor an adult student who has met the challenge of an unconventional educational background and become an inspiration to others through individual growth and accomplishments while pursuing his/her educational goals. Moreover, they must effectively manage multiple and significant commitments and responsibilities while engaged in their education.

Nominated by Duquesne University's School of Leadership and Professional Advancement (SLPA), Miranda

was selected from approximately 1,000 adult students because of his inspirational desire for academic success, management of significant responsibilities, including military service, and continued dedication to the community.

Miranda, said his military experience led him to explore attending college, and the birth of his son, Danny, reinforced the decision. The youngest of eight children, he is the first in his family to attend college. "Watching my mom struggle to raise eight children on her own has taught me to never accept defeat. I wanted to spend

every moment with Danny and fight to give him the guidance that was missing during my youth," Miranda said.

"It has been over a year now that I have been attending Duquesne University, progressively advancing along with juggling the responsibilities of a Marine, a



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Sgt. Miranda



father and a husband," said Miranda, who is working toward a bachelor's degree with concentrations in criminal justice,

forensic science, and professional communication. Miranda, who lives and works near Duquesne University's campus in Pittsburgh, Pa., takes a combination of Saturday and online courses and maintains a GPA of 3.7.

Miranda plans to continue his education with law school. He is a member of the Hispanic Attorney's Committee; the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board's Hispanic Employment Program Committee, which helps the local Hispanic community find more access to jobs and develop a competitive advantage in the job market; the Marine Color

Guard; and the Marine Corps High School Physical Training programs.

"Part of being a leader is sharing a success with those around you," said Miranda, who is responsible for five Marines enrolling at the university. "By pushing other Marines to enroll with Duquesne, I feel that I am sharing a goal that we as military members all have in common. My strengths are my experiences and my achievements will be my legacy."

For information about Duquesne University's Military Education Program, visit <http://www.leadership.duq.edu/mil>.

(Photo: L to R: Dr. Jeffrey P. Cropsey, DANTES Director, and Sgt. Roger Miranda. Story courtesy of Duquesne University.)

DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs news

A. New schools affiliated with DANTES:

Henley-Putnam University

227 Devcon Drive

San Jose, CA 95112

408-453-9900

Toll Free: 888-852-8746

Fax: 408-453-9700

E-mail: myoshimura@henley-putnam.edu

Internet: <http://www.henley-putnam.edu>

Accreditation: Distance Education and Training Council

Bachelor of Science:

Management of Personal Protection

Terrorism and Counterterrorism Studies

Intelligence Management

Master of Science:

Management of Personal Protection

Terrorism and Counterterrorism Studies

Intelligence Management

B. New course approved

The Distance Education & Training Council

Commission approved the following new course:

Institute of Logistical Management

• Inventory Management-Principles and Processes

Tuition: \$595

New prospective: Strategic enrollment management and the military market

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC), through the Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP), works in partnership with the Army Recruiting Command and over 1,900 colleges. ConAP goals are to increase the number of veterans in college and to help the Army enlist college-capable Soldiers. Enlistees advise ConAP colleges of their intent to enroll in postsecondary education during (or after) their initial enlistment.

The ConAP college acknowledges the Soldier's intent and provides guidelines about applying for admission, preparing for the college experience, and staying in touch by e-mail and the college's Web presence.

Coupling ConAP with the college practice of strategic enrollment management (SEM) brings into focus a value-added partnership for all parties. Recruiters understand recruiting incentives can assist the basic college functions of recruiting, enrolling, retaining and graduating students. The Montgomery GI Bill, college loan repayment, tuition assistance, ConAP and the March2Success program help

colleges recruit, enroll, retain, and graduate students.

There is a need for high schools, colleges, and military recruiters to work together to increase the number of high school graduates. The Army's Recruiting Command online test preparation program (March2Success) is one tool that may be used as a skill enhancement program to assist high school students with SAT, ACT, and state exit exam preparation, in addition to helping military recruits refresh their language usage, reading, writing, integrated math, and test taking skills for military entrance testing.

For ConAP information, go to SOC's Web site at <http://www.soc.aascu.org/CONAP> or call 1-800-368-5622.

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The Certification Exams chart lists some of the more frequently used certification exams. These exams are approved by the Certification Agencies to be administered by DANTES Test Centers (Paper and Computer), Computer-National Test Centers on base, and/or Off Base at Commercial Sites. Most are not funded by DANTES or the Services.

Depending upon the specific Certification Agency requirements, computer-delivered certification exams may be administered at Base Education Centers (Paper or Computer) or National Test Centers on-base. An MOU to administer computer-based exams is a

requirement for the Base Education Centers to coordinate with the test vendors (Pearson VUE and Thomson-Prometric). Education Centers that would like to administer exams through the FAA, Pearson VUE or Thomson-Prometric will find all the requirements described on the DANTES Web site at

<http://www.dantes.doded.mil> under Certification.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the DANTES Certification Program office at DSN 922-1111 ext. 3213 or 850-452-1111 ext. 3213.

FAA – Federal Aviation Administration
 FCC – Federal Communications Commission
 COMPTIA – Computing Technology Industry Association
 MICROSOFT
 NREMT – National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
 ACE – Adobe Certified Expert
 AMT – American Medical Technologists
 ASE – National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence
 ASMC – American Society of Military Comptrollers
 ASQ – American Society for Quality
 ETA-I – Electronics Technicians Association, International
 FCC – Federal Communications Commission
 ICPM – Institute of Certified Professional Managers
 IFSEA – International Food Service Executive Association
 ISACA – Information systems Audit and Control Association
 (ISC²) – International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium
 NARTE – National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers, Inc.
 NBRC – National Board of Respiratory Care
 NCCCO – National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators
 NCMA – National Contract Management Association
 NICET – National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technology
 NSCA – National Strength and Conditioning Association
 SANS – SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security
 SBE – Society of Broadcast Engineers



Certification Exams

Exam Name	Exam Administration Format and Location			
CERTIFICATION EXAMS	Paper - Base Education Center	Computer - National Test Center (On-base Institution)	Computer - Base Education Center	Off Base - Commercial Site or Institution (College or University)
ASE	F *			U Commercial Site
FAA			NC ** (requires DANTES Training and FAA Approval)	U *** Commercial Site
FCC	F			U Commercial Site
COMPTIA			U (requires MOU with Pearson VUE or Thomson-Prometric)	U Commercial Site (Thomson-Prometric or Pearson VUE)
MICROSOFT			U (requires MOU with Pearson VUE or Thomson-Prometric)	U Commercial Site (Thomson-Prometric or Pearson VUE)
NREMT		U (requires MOU with Pearson VUE)	U (requires MOU with Pearson VUE)	U Commercial Site (Pearson VUE)
ACE	U			U Commercial Site
AMT	U			U Commercial Site
ASMC	U			U Commercial Site
ASQ	U			U Commercial Site
ETA-I	U			U Commercial Site
ICPM	U			U Commercial Site
IFSEA	U			U Commercial Site
ISACA	U			U Commercial Site
(ISC) ²	U			U Commercial Site
NARTE	U			U Commercial Site
NBRC	U			U Commercial Site
NCCCO	U			U Commercial Site
NCMA	U			U Commercial Site
NICET	U			U Commercial Site
NSCA	U			U Commercial Site
SANS	U			U Commercial Site
SBE	U			U Commercial Site

Note: Not all Certification Associations are listed

* F = DANTES Funded

** NC = No Cost to Military Personnel

*** U = Unfunded

Spouses to Teachers expands to the Pacific

More opportunities are now available for military spouses thinking about a career in public education and living in the Pacific. Effective immediately, the Spouses to Teachers (STT) program is available, offering resources and counseling to overseas military spouses interested in a professional and portable teaching career.



Middle school teacher, Angie Wilsford, is a STT participant from Hawaii. See her video here.

The Department of Defense program provides counseling and guidance on state-specific certification requirements, certification options, scholarships available and state employment resources. Up to \$600 also is available via a voucher process to reimburse the costs of testing fees associated with teacher certification/licensure.

Stateside, the pilot program is offered in 14 states, covering 64

percent of the military spouse population in the following states: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Utah and South Carolina.

Eligible participants include spouses of active duty personnel, Selected Reserve and National Guard, and Individual Ready Reserve recalled to active duty.

For additional information, contact Spouses to Teachers at (800) 231-6282 or DSN 922-6282, or visit <http://www.SpousestoTeachers.com> or e-mail stt@voled.doded.mil.

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DANTES Publications/DIB	3120	1588	pubs@voled.doded.mil
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Examinations	3122	1160	exams@voled.doded.mil
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Tuition Assistance	3130	1161	tahelp@voled.doded.mil
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